

CITY OF SELAH, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2715

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Selah, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at the August 6 2019 a Proposition authorizing an increase in the regular property tax levy in excess of the increase otherwise allowed by Chapter 84.55 RCW for Fire Services purposes; setting forth the Ballot Title therefore; requesting that the Yakima County Auditor (Elections) place the Proposition on the August 6, 2019 election.

WHEREAS, the City of Selah is part of an interlocal agreement with Yakima County Fire Protection District No. 2 ("Fire District"), wherein the Fire Department provides fire services to residents and businesses within the City of Selah and wherein the City covers approximately 40% of the Fire Department's operations and management costs;

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has indicated a need for additional funding to maintain its current level of service to the District and to the City;

WHEREAS, in response to its need for additional funding, the Fire District is placing on the August 6, 2019 ballot a proposition to the qualified electors within the District requesting a \$0.35 per \$1000.00 of assessed valuation increase to its existing levy for maintenance and operations; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has likewise agreed to ask the qualified electors within the City to consider a proposition to raise the City regular property tax levy lid in the same amount that the Fire District is seeking within the boundaries of the District or \$0.35 per \$1000.00 of assessed valuation;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELAH, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

Section 1. Levy Lid Lift Election. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050, the City Council hereby calls for submission of a proposition to the qualified electors of the City asking whether the City shall levy regular property taxes in excess of the limitation established in RCW 84.55.010. The Yakima County Auditor is hereby requested to call the election in the City of Selah on August 6, 2019. The proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City for their approval or rejection is to authorize increasing the City's regular property tax levy by \$0.35 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, to a total levy rate of \$2.62 per \$1000.00 of assessed valuation, for collection beginning in 2020.

Section 2. Purpose of Levy. The purpose of the proposed levy lid lift is to support fire services maintenance and operations and to keep the level of service at current levels.

Section 3. Ballot Proposition. The City Clerk /Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed, not later than May 10, 2019, to certify a proposition to the Yakima County Auditor (Elections) in Yakima County Washington, in substantially the following form:

**CITY OF SELAH
PROPOSITION NO. 1
LEVY LIFT FOR SUPPORT OF FIRE SERVICES**

The Selah City Council has passed Resolution No. 2715 placing an increase in fire services funding before the voters.

This proposition will provide funds for the continued operation and maintenance of fire services at its current levels to the City of Selah. It authorizes an increase in the regular property tax rate for collection in 2020 of \$0.35 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, for a total rate of \$2.62 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. The 2020 levy amount would then become the base upon which levy increases would be computed for succeeding years.

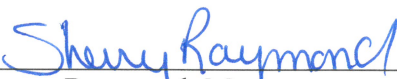
Should this proposition be approved?

YES _____
NO _____

Section 4. Changes. The Mayor and City Attorney are authorized to make such minor adjustments to the wording of such proposition as may be recommended by the Yakima County Auditor (Elections) so long as the intent of the proposition remains clear and consistent with the intent of this Resolution as approved by the City Council.


Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage by the City Council.

PASSED this 12th day of February, 2019.



Sherry Raymond, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert F. Noe, City Attorney